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Harper Flexography Endowment Established at Cal Poly

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Ron and Katherine Harper, founders of the Harper Corporation of America, have made a generous donation to the Cal Poly Graphic Communication Department's 60th anniversary fund-raising campaign.

The donation established the Ron and Katherine Harper Endowment to support flexography education and laboratory development. A portion of the funds will also be used to support student travel to flexography conferences.

"The Harper's generosity has supported flexo education around the country," said Professor Malcolm Keif. "They have donated both time and money to ensure that the industry remains vital and grows with well-educated young people who plan to make careers in flexography. The Harper Endowment will propel us ahead in flexography education and will result in highly qualified graduates entering the flexo field."

The endowment was funded as part of the Graphic Communication Department's 60th anniversary development campaign. The \$2.5 million drive is titled Addressing Today and Preparing for Tomorrow: Partners in Education. Others interested in contributing to the Ron and Katherine Harper Endowment, or establishing their own endowment, can contact Malcolm Keif at mkeif@calpoly.edu.

About the Harper Corp.

Harper Corporation of America is a leading innovator in anilox roll production and restoration for corrugated, wide web, narrow web and newspaper Flexographic printing markets worldwide with manufacturing facilities in Charlotte, NC, Green Bay, WI, and Bangkok, Thailand.

About Cal Poly Graphic Communication Department

Founded in 1946, Cal Poly has one of the leading Graphic Communication programs (www.grc.calpoly.edu) in the United States. With over 33,000 square feet of laboratory space, Cal Poly continues to advance the educational offerings for students studying printing, packaging, publishing and cross-channel communications. The department houses some of the most modern laboratory facilities in graphic arts education. The department received national accreditation by the Accreditation Council of Collegiate Graphic Communications. In 2004, Cal Poly was awarded the prestigious Harper Flexo College of the Year at the

Flexo Forum in Dallas.

The department also houses the Graphic Communication Institute (www.grci.calpoly.edu) to conduct research, testing, product evaluations, seminars, workshops and conferences.

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